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To the learned Society of GRUB-STREET.

Gentlemen,

I AM a young man, and naturally very forward; and having been perſuaded by my grand-mother, that I had an excellent Talent for Poetry, I have been a long time ambitious of appearing in print. The reward promiſed in the *Magazine* to the author of the beſt poem on MERLIN's *Cave*, ſoon determined me in the choice of a ſubject. I flattered myſelf (ſo good an opinion had I conceived of my own abilities) that I ſhould not only gain the prize propoſed; but, being deſigned for the church, I might, by a well-timed compliment, raiſe my future fortune. Full of theſe great expectations, I ſate down to write, and having long, to no purpoſe, invoked my Muſe, APOLLO *gently twitched my ear*, and adviſed me not to attempt a task I was by no means capable of. Shocked at this admonition, but reſolved however not to quit my purpoſe, I conſidered, for ſome time, how a man might write a poem without a genius. At laſt I thought on the Project mentioned by Captain GULLIVER in his *Voyage to Lupata*, Dubl. Edit. Vol. III. Pag. 231. *A 'Project* for improving ſpeculative knowledge by practi-'cal and mechanical operations: by means of which, 'the moſt ignorant perſon, at a reaſonable charge, and 'a little bodily labour, may write books in Philoſophy, 'Poetry, Politicks, Law, Mathematicks, and Theology, 'without the leaſt aſſiſtance from genius or ſtudy'. I immediately ordered ſuch a *Frame* to be made as GULLIVER has deſcribed; on which (with the aſſiſtance of ſome friends) I wrote down all the words in the *Engliſh Language in their ſeveral Moods, Tenſes, and Declenſions*. I then ſet the Engine to work, and in about 6 hours, to my great aſtoniſhment, it produced the following Rhapſody. Having ſince communicated it to my learned and ingenious friend the rev. Mr. N—x—n, he has been pleaſed to put it into verſe, and publiſhed it for the inſtruction of a young nobleman. This he has done with ſuch accuracy, that I think, in the whole compoſition (if I may be allowed to call it ſo) he has not once deviated from the ſenſe, or altered five words for the ſake of Rhyme.

M E R L I N.

'The Muſe ſhall unfold to blooming * * ſweet pain 'deluding tales from old legends, with beauteous ſcenes 'of art to charm the ſenſe, nor leave the pliant heart unin-'ſtructed: hence taught the youth ſhall fly Syren plea-'ſures, and deſcry real from illuſive good. So that pre-'cious life which indulgent Heaven relenting has given 'to his *parents* vows, obtain its nobleſt end, by virtue's 'path, nor *they* rejoice, nor have Heaven *ſaved* in vain.

'My boſom ſtill pants with the recent fear! Godlike 'forms ſtill appear before my eyes! My fancy ſtill roves 'thro' the verdant ſcene, where delighted *Thames* views 'fair *Richmond*'s Groves, where late in gloomy ſhades, 'my wandering eyes, with fond ſurprize, were ſtruck 'by an Antique Manſion. A Rural Cote, venerably 'mean, with awful beauty, *and* half cloſed with riſeing 'green, whoſe frugal windows diffuſed a ſolemn day over 'the dome, and check'd the glareing ray. A hoary *ſage* 'maintained his central ſeat, deep in the circuit of the 'dread *retirement* (retreat.) His hand bore a rod of 'wondrous virtue, and the floor was ſtrowed with dark 'ſchemes, the fate of Empires. Religious horror poſ-'ſeſſed all my ſoul, and repreſſed my too bold intruſive 'ſteps. 'Till the ſage thus unſealed his lips in mild ac-'cents, and revealed this affecting Tale.

'Thy footſteps reach theſe hollowed bowers, ſtranger, 'by kind auſpicious powers conducted, their new poſ-'ſeſſor not unknown to fame once bore *Merlin*'s name in '*Maridunum*, when ARTHUR, that glorious Prince, ap-'proved my skill, imbibed my councils, and loved my 'converſe. Bleſt with the deep myſterious knowledge 'of nature, both Heaven and Earth confeſſed my won-'drous power. Till love unguarded reaſon did ſurprize '(for who of all mankind is wiſe always). I then 'dragged the fatal chain inglorious, and obeyed his reign 'in *Nereia*'s eyes: I ſtrove to melt the heart of the 'obdurate fair one, with each perſuaſive art and myſtick 'charms, and bartered my ſacred ſcience for her love, 'when no meaner prize could move the Nymph. The 'perfidious maid armed with the ſecret, betrayed the 'Donor by the fatal gift; immured me fond deluded 'lover, faſt ſecured in a capacious Cave, and as ſhe cloſed 'the Adamantine Vault, impoſed my doom, with in-'ſulting pride thus. "Let thy conſcious ſhame be hid-"den by thoſe dark Caverns, until *Britain*'s Iſland boaſt "a *Princely Dame*, whoſe wiſdom ſhall exceed the power "of my beauty, and reſtore CAMBRIA' *Prophet* to the "day".

'How ſhall I reveal, O CAROLINA, the debt im-'menſe of gratitude, which I feel you gave me to ex-'change thoſe dark *Caverns* (abodes) for theſe fair bliſs-'ful bowers the haunts of Gods, I regain, by you, my 'priſtine honours, and ſee a better ARTHUR's reign re-'ſtored.

'Share in my tranſports, O ye ſons of Science! And 'hail a *Queen* who makes *Science* her care, a *Queen*'s 'example leads the way to truth, a *Queen*'s enobling 'ſmiles repay your toils.

'And you dread powers, whoſe ſacred influence pre-'ſides over arts, and guides the illumined genius, ſtill 'inveſt the Dome when deſtined to receive the *Royal 'Gueſt*, with your lucid troops. Fill her Godlike mind 'with boundleſs Science, who thirſts to know mankind 'only to bleſs them.

'So pacifick *Numa*, whence his riſeing Empire urged 'his thought, ſought his aid from Heaven, and owned '*Egeria*'s viſionary converſe in his Cell, crowned with 'holy raptures, revealed from her each ſacred truth and 'uſeful art, to *Roman* Swains, untaught to yeild. Reli-'gion ſoon warmed the ſavage boſom, and Heaven 'taught laws diſarmed their brutal rage: hence *Rome* 'aroſe the miſtreſs of mankind, refined by arts, pious 'and brave in arms.'

Thus, Gentlemen, I have given you the firſt production of my wondrous machine; if this ſhould have the good fortune to ſucceed, I ſhall have vanity enough to expect ſome encouragement from the Government, or at leaſt a patent for the ſole framing and vending *Mechanical Poems* for the term of fourteen years.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your former Correſpondent,

and conſtant Reader,

PUFF.

The Phyſical Cauſe, &c. of a Lunar Eclipſe.

THERE is nothing in Aſtronomy more worthy of our contemplation, or more ſublime in natural knowledge, than rightly underſtanding the ſudden obſcuration of the Heavenly bodies; which Aſtronomers can now foretell almoſt to a minute: and I look upon an Eclipſe of the Moon (next to that of the Sun) to be one of the moſt nice and ſubtle ſpeculations of this Science.

The word *Eclipſe* is derived from the Greek, Ἐκλείπω (Ecleipo) ſignifying to faint or ſwoon away; ſo ſick and dying perſons, when a death-like faintneſs, or ſwooning fit came upon them, were ſaid by the Greeks to fall into an Eclipſe. In like manner, the Moon's body ſeems to vaniſh, and grow dark, when the Earth interpoſes, and deprives her of the Sun's light; at ſuch a time the Moon is ſaid to be eclipſed. —— The Cauſe is this. All dark bodies expoſed to the direct light of the Sun, caſt a ſhadow behind them; which is nothing but the loſs or privation of light, in the ſpace oppoſite to the Sun, by reaſon the Sun's rays are intercepted by the opaque body. And as the Earth and Moon are both opaque bodies, which borrow all their light from the Sun; when either interpoſes, the other in ſome meaſure muſt be obſcured. Hence 'tis evident, that a Lunar Eclipſe is cauſed by the interpoſitions of the Earth betwixt the Sun and Moon.

Now this can never happen, but when the Moon is at the full, for then only ſhe is in oppoſition to the Sun, and near the Earth's ſhadow. And ſince there is a Full Moon every month, it will be proper to give a reaſon why there is not an Eclipſe every month too. If the Moon's orb lay in the plain of the Earth's orb, i. e. if thoſe two plains were to coinſide in one plain, paſſing thro' the Sun, there wou'd be a total Eclipſe of the Moon at every Full, and conſequently a central Eclipſe of the Sun at every Change. But the orbs of the Earth and Moon being placed obliquely, and not both in the ſame plain, interſect each other in two points (called Nodes) where the Moon's orb is found to make an angle of inclination, or geocentrick latitude, with the Ecliptick of 5 degrees: therefore the Moon may be in ſuch a poſition from the Nodes, as to paſs the oppoſition above or below the Earth's ſhadow. Hence 'tis very poſſible, every Full Moon, &c. may not be eclipſed; and farther, it is plain, that no Eclipſe can happen, but when the Moon is near one of her Nodes: conſequently the quantity of an Eclipſe depends upon the Moon's diſtance from it; and may be either total with continuance, total without continuance, partial, or central. The Moon, although entirely deprived of the direct ſolar beams, is not abſolutely hid from us at the ſame time, (as at the Change) becauſe the rays of light retained in our Atmoſphere, dart an oblique reflection into the real ſhadow, and thereby faintly illuminate the whole Cone: conſequently by this, the Moon's body remains lucid, and viſible to us, tho' at the ſame time is in what we call a total Eclipſe.

Such a Phenomenon, if a favourable opportunity preſent, will be naturally exhibited to us on monday next (being the 15th inſtant) with all the variety of obſcuration. The beginning will be about 10 minutes paſt ten in the evening, and the end at 45 minutes after one next morning. This very conſpicuous oppoſition will be made in the 7th degree of Libra, and near the Moon's perigeon; and will be a very remarkable one, being as great almoſt as can poſſibly happen. The time of total darkneſs will be near one hour and 42 minutes.

PHILO-MATHEMATICUS.

Gentlemen,

I FIND by the Daily Papers, that two or three Pamphlets are publiſhed on Witchcraft, Conjuration, and Sorcery or Enchantment, which treat that ſubject in a religious view (as I judge by the titles, not having read any of them) in reſpect to the Bill now depending for the repeal of the ſtatute of JAMES I. againſt theſe offences, which you may read at your leiſure, together with the following political Remarks on thoſe offences and that ſtatute. I am one of thoſe, who dare not reſolutely condemn any thing for impoſſible, becauſe it ſuits not my capacity of underſtanding it, or my reaſon; and therefore (tho' an unbeliever in this reſpect) I ſhall endeavour at ſome political reaſons againſt the repeal of that ſtatute, which if you approve you may publiſh, if not, you know how to uſe them.

Middle Temple, Mar. 1, 1735. Yours, T. B.

1. By the common Law, before the conqueſt, Conjuration, Witchcraft, and Sorcery or Enchantment were ſeverely puniſhed, ſometimes by burning and other deaths, and ſometimes by exile; for which ſee COKE 3. *Inſt.* 44. and the authorities there cited.

2. Theſe offences have been made felony by divers ſtatutes preceding JAMES I. particularly in the glorious reign of Queen ELIZABETH, 5to *Eliz.* c. 16.

3. The Devil's agency on mankind has always been allowed and affirmed by the common Law, all indictments for Treaſon, Felony, &c. charging the party accuſed to be *moved and ſeduced by the inſtigation of the Devil:* which inſtigation can only be proved by the overt act of the party accuſed, and not by the apparition of the ſpirit, &c. as COKE 3. *Inſt.* 45. would have it.

4. Many have been attainted of Felony on the ſtatute, and have ſuffered death as felons (too by Judge HALES); therefore I think 'twill be ſome reflection on the publick juſtice of the kingdom, to repeal this Act merely for the *abſurdity* of it, and the *impoſſibility* of the crimes therein mentioned; which crimes are tryable by a jury, in a country not much given to ſuperſtition.

5. The puniſhment of Witchcraft, &c. is, and has been commiſſioned by his Majeſty and his predeceſſors, in all Commiſſions of Oyer and Terminer, and Goal Delivery; which ſhews their ſenſe and opinion of theſe offences. For tho' the King is ſworn to obſerve the Laws, yet I don't think he is bound to take notice of, and put in execution abſurd ſtatutes; and if he is, ſurely if any King ſince the makeing of the ſaid ſtatute, or his privy Council, or Judges has not thought it a reaſonable Law, or had condemned it as *abſurd*, and judged the offencer therein mentioned *impoſſible*, they wou'd have attempted the repeal of it e're now.

6. If there are any ſuch crimes as are mentioned in the ſtatute, they certainly deſerve the puniſhment of death, as being contrary to the good of the ſubject, both as to his perſon and property.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

P. *Daily Poſt-Boy.*
DP. *Daily Poſt.*
DJ. *Daily Journal.*
DA. *Daily Advertiſer.*
LP. *London Daily Poſt.*
G. *Daily Gazetteer.*
SJ. *St. James's Evening Poſt.*
LE. *London Evening Poſt.*

THURSDAY, *Mar.* 4. Laſt week the Serpentine river was ſo prodigiouſly increas'd, that it gave way at the corner; but ſeveral hands were ſet to lay faſcines, and dig 5 large trenches, otherwiſe great part of Knightsbridge muſt have inevitably been laid under water. *DP.*

Yeſterday, at a Court of the Eaſt India Company, it was reſolved to reduce the intereſt on all their bonds to 3 per cent. *LP.*

On tueſday 4 butchers in Clare-market, and 3 in Newgate market, were indicted for keeping open ſhop on the Lord's-day; 5 paid each 13 s. 4 d. and 2 were ordered to the Gate-houſe. *P. DA.* —— *There is occaſion for ſome of theſe proſecutions againſt the* butchers *at* Iſleworth, *whoſe* ſhops *were all* open *on ſunday ſe'nnight in the morning, as if* ſunday *was their* chief market-day.

Yeſterday Mr. Pontiſex's ſon, about 13 years old, declared on oath before Juſtice Blackerby, that Marſh, who gave information againſt Marſhal, was the perſon who ſhot his father, upon which they were both committed to Newgate. *DP. DJ. DA. LP. G.*

We are inform'd from Biſhop Aukland, that a woman lives there, who is 108 years old, and has lately got a new ſet of teeth. *DA. LP.*

Married, yeſterday, Lord Vere Beauclerc, to Miſs Chambers, a young Lady of a conſiderable fortune. *DJ.*

Died, on monday, in Wapping, Mrs. Woodridge, in her 110th year. *P.* —— Yeſterday, at Wandſworth, Sam. Wilſon, Eſq; *DA.* —— Laſt week, in Iſleworth church-yard, a woman by drinking Geneva: 4 ſoldiers at Rocheſter, and a ſubſtantial farmer's wife near Farnham of the ſame. *G.*

On friday, 2 watermen fighting in a boat near Billings-gate, one fell into the Thames, and was drowned. *P.*

FRIDAY, *Mar.* 5. We hear, that Mr. Bigar, Secretary to the Prince's treaſurer, is appointed to go with the Lord De la War, as interpreter. —— And that John Lawton, Eſq; has reſigned his place of Deputy Chamberlain in the Exchequer, worth 200 l. per ann. to Mr. Farley, his brother-in-law. *DJ.*

Notwithſtanding what has been frequently inſerted in the Papers, we are aſſured, that the Diſſenters continue firm in their reſolution; and will in a few days apply to Parliament, for the repeal of the Corporation and Teſt Acts. *DJ. DA.* —— A few days ago, at a meeting of above 200, it was agreed (only two diſſenting) to apply forthwith, &c. *LP.*

A few days ago, Sir Dan. Molyneux, of Ireland, Bar. was admitted a fellow of the Royal Society. *DA.*

Yeſterday, at a general court at Chriſt's-church hoſpital, it was agreed, that 150 children ſhould be admitted at Eaſter; and Mr. Boxely, a peruke maker in Coleman-ſtreet, was choſen Elector. *P.* —— Clerk of Bocking-bay-hall. *DA. LP.*

Married, on tueſday, Mr Rich. Ottway, of Stretham, a great dealer in leather, to Mrs. Sarah Thayre of Mitcham, his 6th wife, an agreeable young woman, with a very pretty fortune *DP.* —— *He ſeems to be* a great dealer in wives, *as well as* leather.

Died, yeſterday, in S. James's-ſtreet, John Cole, of Bingham in Nottinghamſhire, Eſq; *DP.*

On monday, Mrs. Eliz. Dreck was drowned in a pond near Hackney: ſhe had about 200 l. per ann. it is ſaid, that a diſappointment of a marriage occaſioned this misfortune. *P.*

On wedneſday, one Carey a foot ſoldier, being in liquor, ſtabbed himſelf near Millbank. *P.*

SATURDAY, *Mar.* 6. Yeſterday the baggage of the right hon. Lord Delawar embark'd on board the William and Mary yatch, his Lordſhip having receiv'd orders to ſet out the firſt fair wind. *P.* —— On ſunday or monday. *LP.* —— His Lordſhip's embarkation is put off for ſome days. *DP.* — He embarks to morrow. *DA. Mar.* 8. — This day. *Mar.* 9. —— Early to-morrow morning. *DJ. Mar.* 10.

Yeſterday at a general court of the Vintner's Company, Mr. Will. Beedle was choſen their clerk by a great majority. *P.* — There were 16 candidates: Mr. Bedell had 23 votes, Mr. King 9. *DP.* —— Mr. Biddle. *DA.* —— A place worth 400 l. per ann. *LP.*

Geo. Heyton, of Aylesbury, Eſq; is appointed a maſter extraordinary (to take Affidavits) in the high court of Chancery. *DP.*

The wife of one Benj. Ridout, at Stourminſter-Newton near Blandford, was brought to bed on Feb. 28th, of 2 girls growing together, whoſe bodies ſeem'd as one, yet had 2 navels, 2 anus's, &c. the 2 heads diſtinct, in each 2 eyes, ears, a noſe, mouth, and hair lip. The woman had gone 24 weeks. The father had no teeth till he was 18, at which time a complete ſet came. *DA.*

Married, yeſterday, at S. Anne's Soho, ... Combes of Leiceſterſhire, Eſq; to Miſs Eliz. Baptiſt, an agreeable young Lady, with 5000 l. —— Tho. Ayliff, of Newport-ſtreet, his Majeſty's turner, to Miſs Mary Vance, an agreeable young gentlewoman, with 2000 l. *DJ.*

Died, on thurſday, at Kenſington, Sir Swinnerton Dyer, of Newton-hall in Great Dunmow in Eſſex, Bar. and is ſucceeded in his real eſtate and dignity by the eldeſt of his brothers. —— Roger Gale of Cheſterfield in Derbyſhire, Eſq; *DA.* —— Yeſterday in Henrietta-ſtreet, Mrs. Calloven, relict of an eminent limner, ſaid to have died worth 15,000 l. the greateſt part of which ſhe has left to charitable uſes. *DP.* —— At Knightsbridge, Mrs. Mary Heron, juſtly eſteemed the moſt celebrated actreſs on Drury-lane ſtage: by a fall down ſtairs, ſhe put both her knee-pans out, which threw her frequently into convulſion fits, in one of which ſhe died. *LP.*

On tueſday, Mr. Char. Belliwood, a farmer in Eſſex, was drowned in the river Stower, within 2 or 3 miles of Maning-tree. *P. DJ.* —— On thurſday, a man well dreſs'd was found dead, ſuppoſed to be robbed and murdered in Mary le Bone paſſage. *DJ.* —— Yeſterday, a cart went over a boy about 7 years old, and fractured his ſkull that he died ſoon after. *P.*

MONDAY, *Mar.* 8. Yeſterday the rev. Dr. Thiſtlehaite, warden of Wadham Coll. Oxon. preach'd before his Majeſty, &c. *P.* —— Her Majeſty, being indiſpoſed of a cold, heard Divine Service in her own apartment. *DA.* —— Perform'd by the rev. Dr. Maddox. *P.* —— Their Majeſties did not dine in publick. *LP. G.*

On ſaturday, Capt. Blide, of the Europia, was tried at the Old Bailey, for barbarouſly beating one Baker, &c. but was acquitted. *P.* — Capt. Blith. *DP.* —— Blithe. *DJ.* —— Capt. of the Europa; for the murder of one Baker. *DA. LP. G.* —— Of one Ric. Parker. *DJ.*

The ſame day Marſh and Marſhal were carried from Newgate to Aylesbury. *DP. DA.* —— Through Wicomb, their legs chained under the horſe's belly, that the people might ſee them; they having committed two or three robberies thereabouts the night before the murder of Pontifex. Marſh was formerly a ſervant to a malſter at Mill-bank, but laſt harveſt went to work at Egham in Surry, where Marſhal liv'd and work'd as a husbandman: they ſoon agreed to follow the trade of taking thoſe carriers horſes that drove in their teams more than allowed; and continued at Egham till the boys in the ſtreets pelted them for their behaviour on ſeveral occaſions; and then, at Marſh's perſuaſions, they turned robbers. *LP.*

On thurſday a coach and 6 going to Huntingdon, was robbed by two highwaymen near Mount-mill, to the value of 300 l. upon which the gentlemen were forced to return to Town for a freſh ſupply. *G.*

On friday morning about 6, Sackville Fox, Eſq; brother to Harry Fox, Eſq; who married the hon. Miſs Bingley, fought a duel in Hyde-park, and after ſeveral paſſes received a wound in his right breaſt, which his antagoniſt apprehending to be mortal, thought proper to retire. Mr. Fox walk'd to Town, and 'tis hoped will recover; but we hear he generouſly refuſes to name the gentleman with whom he fought. 'Tis ſaid, the quarrel aroſe from ſome words at the maſquerade the preceding evening. *DA.* —— Sackville, Fox, Eſq; of the kindom of Ireland, brother to Geo. Fox, Eſq; died on ſaturday, of a wound near the pit of his ſtomach. He would give no other account, than that the quarrel began at a tavern, that the gentleman behaved honourably, and that he heartily forgave him. *LP.* — He is in a fair way of recovery. *DA. Mar.* 9. — 'Tis fear'd he will not recover. *LP. Mar.* 9. — He is now in a fair way. *LP. Mar.* 10.

Married, yeſterday, at the chapel in the Broad-way, Weſtm. Edw. Taſh, Eſq; to Miſs Harris, an agreeable young Lady, with 3000 l. *DJ.*

Died, on ſaturday, in Southampton-ſtreet, Covent-garden, of the ſmall-pox, under 22 years of age, Tho. Medley, Eſq; of Friſton in Suſſex, poſſeſs'd of about 3000 l. per ann. *DP. DA.* —— At Beckenham in Kent, the rev. Mr. Rog. Laurence, aged near 70, the celebrated author of *Lay Baptiſm invalid. DA.* — In his 65th year. *DP. Mar.* 9. — Yeſterday, in Pall-mall, in his 60th year, Iſaac Garnier, Eſq; a very eminent apothecary. *DA. LP.* —— Mr. Guerney, reputed worth 100,000 l. *DP.*

On friday, a packer's apprentice in Rood-lane, hang'd himſelf in his maſter's warehouſe. *LP.* —— On ſaturday evening, Mr. Shields, a page of the back-ſtairs to his Majeſty, died ſuddenly at Brompton. *DA. G.* — Being diſorder'd in his ſenſes, ſhot himſelf thro' the head with a piſtol. *DP. LP.* — He is ſucceeded by Mr. Rob. Matthewſon. *G.* — Matthews. *Mar.* 10.

TUESDAY, *Mar.* 9. This day his excellency the Count de Montijo is to make a great feaſt at his houſe in Great Ormond-ſtreet, &c. *P.* —— *It is rather* at his houſe in Madrid.

It is ſaid, that all retailers of Geneva, &c. will be obliged to have an annual licenſe, which will coſt 50 l. each time it is renewed; and that a duty of 20 s. a gallon will be laid on the liquors. *DA. DJ.* —— 'Tis ſaid the duty brought in the laſt year above 290,000 l. *LP.*

We are aſſur'd, that the unfortunate Mrs. Elis. Barker, reported to have been dead, is in a fair way of recovery; and hath actually brought an action againſt the Leiceſterſhire baronet for 5000 l. *DA.*

The Kitlington galley, Capt. Pitts, bound from Lisbon to the Weſtern Iſlands, was lately loſt on the Iſland of S. Michael; the men were ſaved. *DP.* —— She was one of the fineſt ſhips belonging to Briſtol. *DA.*

On ſunday two gentlewomen had the tails of their gowns cut off, during the time of Divine Service, in S. Paul's church, one of white, the other of green ſattin; ſuppos'd to be done by two of their own ſex. *LP.* —— Mr. Conundrum *obſerves, that theſe good* gentlewomen *took more care of their* heads, *than of their* tails.

Married, yeſterday, at S. Margaret's, Mr. John Atkins of Montgomeryſhire, to Mrs. Sophia Butler, a beautiful young Lady, with 5000 l. *DJ.*

Died, laſt week, at Bath, John Balliſon, Eſq; a wealthy Hamborough merchant. *DP.* —— On ſunday, one Ackers, a penſioner of Chelſea-college aged 100. *DP.* —— 110. *DA.* —— Yeſterday, ſuddenly, Col. Gledhill, governor of Placentia in Newfoundland. *DA. DJ.* —— At Clapham, Mr. James Read, a noted Italian merchant. *DA.*

WEDNESDAY, *Mar.* 10. His majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint Geo. Gledhill, Eſq; to be lieutenant-governor of Placentia. *DP.* —— Sam. Hayward Eſq; of Zant, to be conſul of that, and the reſt of the currant iſlands, in the room of Dan. Moore, Eſq; deceaſed. *DJ.*

On monday the Univerſity of Oxford conferred the degree of Doctor of laws on the right hon. the Earl of Baarymore, and that of Maſter of arts on Lord Battevant, his eldeſt ſon, now at Brazen-noſe coll. *DA.*

The hon. John Stanhope is elected member for Derby. *DJ.*

On ſunday night, the right hon. the Lady North and Guilford fell down ſtairs, and put out her knee-pan. *DA.*

We have an account from Aylesbury, that Marſh and Marſhall are both capitally convicted. *DJ.*

Married, yeſterday, at Oxendon chapel, Jam. Jenkins Eſq; to Miſs Bennet, a lady of great beauty, merit, and fortune. *DJ.*

Died, on monday, on Dowgate-hill, at dinner on a viſit to her daughter Mrs. Lethieullier, the Lady Gerard. *DA.* —— Garrard, relict of Sir Nicholas. *LP.* —— Yeſterday, in Pall-mall, Mr. Lambert, an eminent confectioner, reputed worth 25,000 l. *DP.* —— In Cannon-ſtreet, Mr. Joſeph Willis, a noted Lisbon merchant. *DA.*

Yeſterday a boat going to Woolwich, with 6 paſſengers, was overſet, and 3 drowned. *DP.*

Laſt wedneſday night, one Will. Thomas, having drank 9 quarterns of Geneva, in Catherine Wheel-yard, died immediately. *G.* —— A great tumult being obſerved laſt monday at the door of a certain gin-ſhop, ſome gentlemen had the curioſity to go and enquire upon what occaſion ſuch a number of people were got together, and found it was no more, than that a man had fallen from his horſe ſtone dead there, juſt as he had drank his eighteenth dram. *P. DP. G.*

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-ſtreet.*

HAVING attended cloſe upon this *Philoſopher* in all his ramblings from the main ſubject in diſpute, we are now got at length to the two eſſential Points: the firſt of which is, Whether the three Doubts expreſſed in the *Prayer*, 'If thou vouchſafeſt 'to regard the thoughts, the words, or the actions of 'men; If thou regardeſt the thoughts of mens hearts; 'If any of my actions can poſſibly either pleaſe or diſpleaſe thee; are ſo many implicit denials, not only of '*reveal'd*, but even of *natural* Religion', as the *Letter-writer* had affirmed they were. In anſwer to this charge, *The Prompter* had only ſay'd, No. 98. 'Theſe *Ifs* are 'no implicit denials of *natural* Religion, nor even of *re-*'*veal'd*, as to the *Dogmata*, as numberleſs Texts from 'the New Teſtament, might be quoted to ſhew'. — In reply to which, as to the denial of *reveal'd* Religion, it was obſerved, in *Journal* 319. That tho' 'it was ſome-'what difficult to know what he meant by the *Dogmata* 'of *reveal'd* Religion, yet we might poſſibly diſcover his 'meaning by the help of a diſtinction he had made a little lower; where he had divided the whole of Chriſtia-'nity into the *Doctrine* [meaning the *moral doctrine*] *of* '*our Saviour*, or the Things taught by him, and *Arti-*

'cles *of Faith*, or the Things revealed by him'. The abſurdity of this diſtinction was there particularly ſhewed: and both from that, and from his having ſpoken favourably of no part of the Chriſtian Religion but the *Moral Precepts*, it was concluded, that by 'the *Dogmata*, he very probably meant only the *Moral Doctrine* of Chriſt, which is only one part of the *Agenda* or practical duties of Chriſtianity'. And becauſe, in his Anſwer, he had particularly excepted only theſe *Dogmata*, 'Theſe *Ifs* are no implicit denials EVEN of *reveal'd* Religion as to the *Dogmata*', it was inferred, that 'he allowed them to be *implicit denials* of all parts of *reveal'd* Religion, except the *Dogmata*, and conſequently of all the *Credenda*, and likewiſe of a great part of the *Agenda*'. If we had made any miſtake in interpreting the *Dogmata*, he ought to have ſet us right, by diſcovering his true meaning. But without mentioning one word to prove the falſeneſs either of the interpretation, or the inference, he returns the following paragraph for an Anſwer in No. 133.

'I have already ſhewn from Reaſon, that theſe *Ifs* are no implicit denials of natural and revealed Religion'. All the *Reaſon*, by which our *Philoſopher* had *already ſhewn* this, was only a general denial as to the one, and a limited denial as to the other. 'Theſe *Ifs* are no implicit denials of natural Religion, nor EVEN of reveal'd, as to the *Dogmata*'. Upon which laſt words, which ſeemed plainly to allow, that they were denials of ſome part of *reveal'd Religion*, the Inference above was grounded. In order to invalidate which Inference, he ought to have ſhewed, either that theſe words contained no ſuch allowance, or that we had miſinterpreted the word *Dogmata*. But inſtead of doing either, contrary to the rules of diſputation, he now runs off to a new queſtion and argument, when his ſole buſineſs ſhould have been to defend the old. The queſtion in diſpute was, Whether his words do not allow, that theſe *Ifs* are denials of ſome part of reveal'd Religion. This, without taking the leaſt notice of his own words, or explaining his conceſſion, he has now changed into another queſtion, Whether theſe *Ifs* are any denials at all. And to prove that they are not, he quotes *Philip.* iv. 8. *Finally, brethren, whatſoever things are true, whatſoever things are honeſt, &c.* IF THERE BE ANY VIRTUE, IF THERE BE ANY PRAISE, *think on theſe things.* And then adds, 'It may as well be aſſerted, that theſe *Ifs* are implicit denials of what is contained in the Verſe, &c.' To this bare aſſertion, without the leaſt reaſon given, a bare denial, without aſſigning any reaſon, is a ſufficient anſwer; eſpecially ſince the reaſon why this *may* NOT *be as well aſſerted*, is evident to any one who compares the *Prayer* with this place of Scripture, as will appear preſently.

He then ſays, it has 'been already ſhewn, both from Reaſon and Scripture, that the Word *If* is no implicit denial at all; but on the contrary very often uſed by the beſt Writers, in an *affirmatory* ſenſe; as in the above quoted verſe, &c.' Who ever affirmed, that the word *If* always ſignified an *implicit denial*; or denied, that it was not *uſed* ſometimes in an *affirmatory* ſenſe? The Letter-writer only affirmed, that in this *Prayer* it ſignifies an *implicit denial*: and to ſhew that it does not, this great Logician brings a place of Scripture, in which the word has not this ſignification. It has not in *Philip.* iv. 8. THEREFORE it has not in the *Philoſopher's Prayer.*

In the place he quotes, *If there be any virtue, if there be any praiſe*, the word *If* is certainly uſed in an *affirmatory* ſenſe. But then in ſeveral other places of Scripture, it is as certainly uſed in a *negatory* one; particularly in *Pſal.* cxxx. 30. *If thou, Lord, ſhouldſt mark iniquities*, [or *be extreme to mark what* IS DONE *amiſs*,] *O Lord, who ſhall ſtand?* As in either of theſe places, the force of the word muſt be determined by the context, and the apparent deſign of the ſpeaker: ſo the moſt proper way to diſcover its true meaning in the *Prayer*, is to conſider what precedes and follows it, together with the moſt likely aim and intention of the compoſer and publiſher. It is obſervable, that the place in the *Pſalms* comes pretty near the words of the *Prayer*, *If thou regardeſt the thoughts*, &c. and perhaps our PHILOSOPHER may from hence draw an argument to juſtifie the expreſſions in the *Prayer*, and to prove even by Scripture, that God does not at all *mark* or *regard the thoughts, words, or actions of men.*

BAVIUS.

The Author of the *Double Deceit* (in his Letter in the *London Daily Poſt* of Mar. 5.) talks much about, and ſeems to value himſelf highly on his *Character as a Gentleman*: and among other things ſays, (Paragr. 2.) *Mr.* NEITHERSIDE *in his firſt Letter, aſſerts two Facts of me, which in Tueſday's Prompter were proved to be falſe. — Upon my applying to the Printer of the Grub-ſtreet, he told me, they ſhould be retracted, which I expected to ſee in this Day's Paper.* — To which I anſwer: That I always thought ſpeaking, writing, or publiſhing of *Truth*, had been one grand characteriſtic of a complete *Gentleman*: but the Author of the *Double Deceit* (in cauſing theſe words [*he told me, they ſhould be retracted*] to be printed in a publick Paper) has publiſhed an *Untruth* or *Falſhood*; and therefore, in my opinion, is no complete *Gentleman.*

J. H.

Gentlemen,

THE underwritten is a Tranſlation of *Horace, Book* I. *Ode* 22. by a Weaver out of buſineſs.

Integer vitæ, ſceleriſque purus.

The Swain, who never harm has done,
Wants not a Blunderbuſs, or Gun;
Nor from a Highway-man will run
With Piſtols at his ſide.

Whether through quick-ſands deep, alone
He rides; or over Sarum's down;
Or late at evening near the Town
Where Tame and Iſis glide.

In Epping Foreſt, free from care,
To Bag-pipes ſweet I ſung my Dear;
Without his ward I ſpy'd a Bear,
Which fled from Tweedle-dum.

A greater Monſter ne'er was ſeen
At Sturbitch Fair, or Boughton Green;
Or in the woods of Ruſſia's Queen
E'er ſuck'd a honey-comb.

Let me to frozen Greenland ſail,
Where never breathes one warming gale,
Nor is there Brandy, Gin, or Ale,
But diſmal night ſo long.

Or ſend me to ſome deſert Iſle,
Or to Jamaica's burning ſoil;
How ſweetly BLOWZE can talk and ſmile
Shall ever be my Song.

Since our laſt, we have received a Letter ſigned B. T. and another A. B.

FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *Mar.* 4. ——— *Hamburg, Mar.* 2. Two couriers arrived at Hanover from England, and as they made no mention of the marriage of the Prince of Wales, people hold very odd diſcourſes. *DJ.*

FRIDAY, *Mar.* 5. There has been a prodigious inundation at Calais, occaſioned by the high tides, which blew up all their ſluices, and broke down their banks. *DA.*

SATURDAY, *Mar.* 6. The Univerſity of Vienna, waiting on the Duke and Dutcheſs of Lorain, and making their compliments in Latin, the Archdutcheſs anſwer'd them in the ſame language. *P. DP. DJ. G.* — Which ſhe ſpoke with a purity that ſurprized that learned body. *DA.*

The Inquiſition at Rome is very buſy in diving into the myſteries of a fraternity, erected there, after the manner of the Free Maſons here, under the name of *La Cucchiara*, and has impriſoned ſeveral perſons. That word ſignifies nothing but *a Spoon. DP. DA.* —— Or *Ladle. G.* —— No other thing than *the ſpoonful. P.*

MONDAY, *Mar.* 8. M. John Maucomble died the 1ſt inſt. at Sedan, in his 109th year: he was brother to the widow Crete, who died Nov. 1, aged 111. *P. DJ. LP.* —— Durand Eſtival, a labourer, died at Carbonniers in Quercy, on the 9th, in his 127th year. *DJ. LP.* —— Carbonieres. *G.*

The Marquis de Flavacour paſſing laſt week through the ſuburbs of S. Germain's, his horſes took fright, and overturn'd his coach, and a ſplinter of the glaſs penetrated his heart, ſo that he died on the ſpot. *DA. G.* —— The coach of the Marchioneſs de Flavacourt was overturned, whereby a young gentleman, a relation of the Lady's, was wounded in the breaſt by a piece of one of the glaſſes, &c. *DJ. Mar.* 9.

TUESDAY, *Mar.* 9. They write from Venice, that all the negotiations for peace between the Turks and the Perſians have been broken, and that the preparations for war ſeemed greater than ever. *DJ.*

Yeſterday Bank Stock was 149 1 4th a 3 4ths. India 175, a 4 3 4ths. S. S. Trading Stock 95 3 4ths Old Annuities 110, 5 8ths, a 7 8ths. New Annuities 108 7 8ths, a 9. Three per Cent. Annuity 102 1 8th. Million Bank 112 1 half. African 14. Royal Aſſurance 104 1 half. London Aſſurance 13 7 8ths. New Bank Circulation 6 l. 7 s 6 d. Prem. South Sea Bonds 5 l. 1 s. Prem. India ditto 5 l. 3 s. a 4 s. a 1 s. Prem. Three per Cent. ditto 4 l. 7 s. a 8 s. Prem. Engliſh Copper 2 l. 4 s. Welſh ditto, no Price. Salt Tallies 3 3 4ths a 4 3 4ths Prem. Emperor's Loan 112 1 half.

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